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SUBJECT: LANGUAGE EXAMINATION ISSUE CONTINUES TO SIMMER

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 1532

SUMMARY: MOVING INTO PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND, RUMORS CONTINUE TO ABOUND CONCERNING COMMUNAL STRIFE BUT THERE NO RPT NO OVERT INDICATIONS OF OUTBREAKS IN ANY SENSITIVE AREAS OF CAPITAL. OTHER MAJOR CITIES REPORTEDLY SIMILARLY QUIET. POLICE CONTINUE TO BE VIGILANT AND EXTRA PRECAUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN DURING PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY PROCESSION APRIL 16. POLITICIANS HAVE MUTED ISSUE PUBLICLY AND THEY ATTEMPTING KEEP SUPPORTERS IN CHECK TO AVOID ANY INCIDENTS. DURIN PARLIAMENT SESSION NEXT WEEK, DAP PLANS INTRODUCE "NON- INFLAMMATORY" RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE EXAMINATION SYSTEM. ALSO, UMNO SOURCE REPORTED THAT GOVERNMENT PLANS ALLOW LARGE NUMBER OF THOSE WHO FAILED LANGUAGE EXAMINATION TO ENTER FORM VI, THUS MEETING MAJOR DEMAND OF CHINESE COMMUNITY. END SUMMARY.

1. NIGHTLIFE IN AREAS LIKELY TO BE MOST AFFECTED BY COMMUNAL DISTURBANCES CONTINUES TO BE NORMAL AND THERE ARE NO RPT NO OVERT INDICATIONS THAT POPULATION IN GENERAL IS PREPARING FOR TROUBLE. POLICE, HOWEVER, ARE VIGILANT TO ANY SIGNS OF TROUBLE
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AND, ACCORDING TO UMNO SOURCE, EXTRA SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WILL
BE TAKEN DURING PROPHET' S BIRTHDAY PROCESSFORT TO ASSIST HIM WITHIN
CONSTRAINTS MENTIONED PARA 3,
MSA CONTROL OFFICER GIESE WISHES TO INVITE MANTEL TO REMAIN AT HIS
SOMEWHAT OTTOMAN RESIDENCE WHILE IN ANKARA.
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